

Spirit Lake Library Board Meeting

July 13, 2026

Present at the meeting: Roger Brockshus, Christa Butler, Carolyn Butterworth, Frank Christenson, Matt Early, Heather Kalkhoff, Rachel Maly. Absent: Tanner Metz.

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 p.m. by president Butler. Minutes of the June 8, 2026, meeting were read by Butterworth. Christenson moved, seconded by Early, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Correspondence:

Jill Jennings was recognized and spoke to the board concerning the schedule of wages for part-time employees that was adopted for FY 2026-27 at the June library board meeting.

Financial Report:

June financial reports were not yet available.

Director's Report:

- Pest control came to the library to deal with a flying ant problem.
- The Library's website is being updated to meet federal requirements for website accessibility. The project is progressing swiftly and is well ahead of schedule to be compliant. Most of the changes are related to text size, color contrast, alt text and improved screen reader navigation.
- Summer Reading 2026 is progressing as expected and remains within budget. There were 44 live programs in June, with 1,732 attendees. There were also two passive programs with 415 participants. Statistics for this summer will be analyzed before next year's program.

Board Education:

The board has been asked to view a YouTube presentation by the State Library Association, "Stats & Stories (Part 1): Combining Data and Narrative." The program is available on the State Library Association website.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Krista and Rachel have formulated guidelines and rationale for weeding library materials. See attached details of the procedure that is being followed.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be Monday, August 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Kalkhoff moved, seconded by Brockshus, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Butterworth, Secretary